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Kazunobu Maruo et al.

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IN NANOCOMPOSITES

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION
DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2009

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Communication dated February 10, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.